

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A personal digital assistant comprising:
a housing having an opening for inserting an expansion card within the volume of said housing;

a bus disposed within said housing;

a processor disposed within said housing and coupled to said bus;

a connector disposed within said opening, said connector coupled to said bus and for connecting with said expansion card;

a cover for said opening, said cover coupleable to said housing, wherein said cover performs a first function of enclosing said opening, said expansion card and said connector, and wherein said cover further performs a second function in addition to said first function.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The personal digital assistant of Claim 1 wherein said cover is removeably coupled to said housing.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The personal digital assistant of Claim 1 wherein said cover is pivotably coupled to said housing.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The personal digital assistant of Claim 1 wherein said cover is slideably coupled to said housing.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The personal digital assistant of Claim 1 wherein said cover is hingeably coupled to said housing.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The personal digital assistant of Claim 1 wherein said cover comprises an antenna.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) The personal digital assistant of Claim 1 wherein said cover comprises a speaker.

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) The personal digital assistant of Claim 1 wherein said cover illuminates for alerting a user.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) The personal digital assistant of Claim 1 wherein said cover vibrates for alerting a user.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) The personal digital assistant of Claim 1 wherein said cover comprises external connectors for coupling to an external device.

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The personal digital assistant of Claim 1 wherein said cover comprises a display.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A device comprising:
circuitry for coupling said device to personal digital assistant; and
circuitry for performing a function synergistically with a function performed by said personal digital assistant;

wherein said device is sized and shaped to serve as a cover for an expansion card port, wherein said device fits into an opening in a housing of said personal digital assistant, wherein said device resides within the volume of said housing and performs a first function of enclosing said opening and performs a second function synergistically with said function performed by said personal digital assistant.

Claim 14. (Original) The device of Claim 13 wherein said device is removeably coupled to said housing.

Claim 15. (Original) The device of Claim 13 wherein said device is pivotably coupled to said housing.

Claim 16. (Original) The device of Claim 13 wherein said device is slideably coupled to said housing.

Claim 17. (Original) The device of Claim 13 wherein said device is hingeably coupled to said housing.

Claim 18. (Original) The device of Claim 13 wherein said device comprises an antenna.

Claim 19. (Original) The device of Claim 13 wherein said device comprises a speaker.

Claim 20. (Original) The device of Claim 13 wherein said device illuminates for alerting a user.

Claim 21. (Original) The device of Claim 13 wherein said device vibrates for alerting a user.

Claim 22. (Canceled)

Claim 23. (Original) The device of Claim 13 wherein said device comprises external connectors for receiving expanded functionality.

Claim 24. (Original) The device of Claim 13 wherein said device comprises a display.

Claims 25. – 29. (Canceled)